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SUBJECT: F-28/MIG-21 COLLISION

REF: KADUNA 0271, LAGOS 2605

1. EXPATRIATE NAF INSTRUCTOR TOLD PO YESTERDAY THAT INSTRUCTOR KILLED IN SUBJECT COLLISION THIS WEEK WAS CHIEF OF SOVIET INSTRUCTION TEAM IN KANO. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW NAME OR RANK OF SOVIET BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD SERVED IN CUBA AND ANGOLA.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF COLLISION - SOURCE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT F-28 HAD REQUESTED AND BEEN GRANTED FINAL APPROACH CLEARANCE FOR KANO INTERNATIONAL AND THAT MIG HAD BEEN MAKING WIDE TURN TO LINE UP WELL BEHIND F-28 FOR FINAL APPROACH. IN ACTUALITY, MIG CAME OUT OF TURN INTO COURSE FOR FINAL APPROACH IMMEDIATELY BEHIND F-28; BECAUSE OF MIG CONFIGURATION, PILOT MAKING SUCH A TURN HAS LITTLE OR NO HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY AND IN THIS CASE SOURCE DOUBTED THAT HE EVEN SAW F-28 PRIOR TO COLLISION. ACCORDING SOURCE, MIG SHEARED OFF PART OF F-28'S TAIL AND PANCAKED ONTO ITS CABIN ROOF. (FYI: SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH MIG FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS AS HE SAYS HE HAS FLOWN BRITISH-HELD MIG-21 AS RAF PILOT.)

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3. SOURCE SAID IT COMMON FOR NIGERIAN AIRWAYS PILOTS TO REQUEST AND BE GRANTED FINAL APPROACH CLEARANCES WHEN THEY MUCH FURTHER FROM AIRPORT THAN NORMAL; THIS CAN SERIOUSLY MISLEAD PILOTS OF OTHER AIRCRAFT WAITING FOR LANDING INSTRUCTIONS AND LEAD TO SITUATION SUCH AS CAUSED THIS COLLISION.

4. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT ONE OTHER MIG HAS RECENTLY BEEN LOST..
DID NOT KNOW CIRCUMSTANCES OR LOCATION OF LOSS. HE ADDED THAT
SOME MIGS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO MAIDUGURI RECENTLY.
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